

# **MINUTES**

## **SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 2, 2019**

**William Pullen Building Meeting Room**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Greg Grotton, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey, Adam Fuller, and Josh White

**Others Present:** Jay Feyler, Jim Justice, and Jesse Thompson

**1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: 6:30 p.m.**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment:**

**4. Approve minutes of Tuesday, June 18, 2019:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Adam Fuller

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**5. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, July 2, 2019:**

Motion by: John to approve current warrants.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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**6. Montana Solar Presentation:**

Ray Montana agreed to come and answer any questions from Adam and Josh since they did not hear his initial presentation. Ray started off by saying that there have been price increases since his first presentation; this is the nature of the business because of Chinese tariffs, and Canadian components are no longer available. In general, quotes are only good for seven days from any supplier.

Discussion: Adam asked about CMP net metering rules. Ray explained the credit system and the importance of generating more than what is needed. Josh inquired about the 10-year time frame and the life expectancy of the panels. Ray explained that buying the system outright will save in the long term. The panels will typically last 20 to 25 years or longer, although he is not sure how advanced components will

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become within that time frame. Greg reminded there is a 25-year warranty from the manufacturer. Ray stated that in the case the manufacturer does go out of business, he feels the system will still be in good shape. Josh asked about maintenance, upkeep and snow removal. Ray stated maintenance is minimal; with the estimated pitch on the roof, the snow will melt quickly and fall off. Adam asked about the durability of various panels, and feels the monocrystalline panel is better quality. Ray feels solar panels have become a commodity like so many other products on the market today. Making a choice on quality should support the type of usage. Adam asked about panel failure. Ray stated the good news is the panels are individually controlled and can be swapped out without affecting the entire system. Sarah asked about a warranty. Ray explained his company will warranty the system within a certain time frame, although he has been known to replace components at no cost depending on the extent of the repair. John asked about a service contract. Ray feels a service contract is money that does not need to be spent.

### **7. Discussion on Browns Lane property:**

The property received no bids. Jay explained a decision must be made on how to proceed.

Discussion: Greg asked if the town rents an excavator, if it is possible for someone from PW to do the job. Jay stated it is possible to have one person run the excavator, and if anything, there may need to be some traffic control for a portion of the excavation. Adam is concerned about it being torn down. He feels that if it goes back out to bid, that it needs to be leveled because of toxins. He emphasized that the stipulations should be clarified. Jay stated the original bid states that it needs to be torn down. Adam also feels that the value of the land is cheap, and that the town will not make a large profit. John asked about liabilities for mitigation. Jay checked with DEP; the only precaution needed would be to put silt fencing along the river, and there are no specific regulations for demolition. Sarah voiced her concern about cleaning the land if made into a park. Jay agreed and reassured that the land would be cleaned up if we went that route. Josh wonders where the funds will come from; if a state grant is possible. Jay confirmed a state grant is not possible. He is not sure about the Pullen Fund. If the property becomes a park or playground, he would need to check with the committee. Jay suggests funding the project through the Public Works account. Greg suggests selling the space for a trailer home or rental if it does not exceed the original footprint. He feels that the town will lose tax revenue if used as a park.

Motion by: Adam Fuller to tear the building down and use funds from the PW account.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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Amended motion by: Adam Fuller to authorize Jay to have Public Works tear down the building.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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### **8. Vote to close the office July 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for training:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to close the office for Trio system.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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### **9. Approve the sum of \$3,500 for the Backpack Food Program from the IC Thurston Fund:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Adam Fuller

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### **10. Approve Hazardous Mitigation Plan for county:**

Motion by: John Shepard to approve both mitigation plans, town and county.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Adam Fuller

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### **11. Accept the resignation of Alice Lunt from the Scholarship Committee:**

Motion by: John Shepard

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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### **12. Additional Annual Appointment Papers:**

Motion by: Adam Fuller to accept Jay Feyler's appointments: Kevin Soule, EMA Director and Kevin Soule, Fire Chief: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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Motion by: Sarah Drickey to appoint Rebekah Smith for Scholarship Committee: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

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**13. Transfer of funds between accounts:**

Tabled until next meeting because of Trio issues.

**14. Town Manager's Report:**

The backhoe has been finalized for insurance.

Two trucks are still at O'Connor's, pending issues with the insurance adjuster.

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to have town office closed Friday, July 5, 2019.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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**15. Other Business:**

**16. Selectmen's Report:**

**17. Future Agenda Items:**

**18. Adjourn:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Adam Fuller

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Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick  
Secretary